



TARANAKI TERTIARY
CHAPLAINCY TRUST BOARD



Chair's report to the Annual General Meeting of the
Taranaki Tertiary Chaplaincy Trust Board
23rd May 2024

It is with pleasure that I present the Chairs report of the Taranaki Tertiary Chaplaincy Trust Board for 2023 - this being my 10th year as the Board Chair and my 16th year on the board.

Board membership in 2023 comprised of:

Appointed Trustees:

- Clare Sarten – Appointed Trustee representing the Roman Catholic Bishop of the Dioceses of Palmerston North and Deputy Chair.
- Rev Keita Hotere, Appointed Trustee for the Methodist Synod of the Lower North Island
- Rev Raymond McKie - Appointed Trustee for Presbytery Central (Dec 2022 – May 2023) – position since vacant
- Rev Jay Ruka / Rev Lance Pilbrow– Appointed Trustee for the Anglican Dioceses
- Zanetta Hinton – appointed Trustee for WITT.
- Joanah Phillips – appointed Trustee for WITT
- Kathy Manning – WITT Staff representative

Additional office holders:

- Barbara Brockie –Treasurer
- Hugh Wilson – Student Representative – Resigned July 2023
- Lou Gane – Chaplain 7 Sept 2020 – 14 April 2023
- Chris Lee – Chaplain 9th Oct 2023

I can report, as is our Trust Deed requirements, the Board met on four occasions in 2023 and held an AGM, with the board receiving reports from the chaplain, the Treasurer, including an annual review of our accounts, and updates from WITT | Te Pūkenga.

Chaplaincy at WITT has a long association, with the institute having a Chaplain on campus since 1991, and entering a formal arrangement with the then Taranaki Polytechnic Ecumenical Chaplaincy Advisory Committee, with the signing of our Trust Deed in February 2008 so the role of Chaplain in supporting ākongā and kaimahi of the institute through ministry, compassionate listening and pastoral care, has been running for 32 years. And that a testament to past and present Chaplains, board members, funding partners and the relationship with the institute it serves.

If I reflect on 2023 I would say it was a year of challenges and uncertainty.

Soon into the new academic year our chaplain of 2 ½ years Lou Gane resigned and for the first time in many years we had difficulty recruiting a replacement, with the position vacant till October of that year. In May a board member resigned leaving two positions vacant meaning we found ourselves with no chaplain and a very small board. The emphasis on the chaplaincy role being on “service” rather than financial reward made retaining, and recruitment of a chaplain challenging in these tough economic times. We empathised also with the individual dioceses who struggled to find replacement board

members, with increasing demands on limited personal available. Added to this was the concern of board chairs across the motu as to the affect the changes being made by Te Pukenga would have on how the national organisation related to local Chaplaincy Boards, and the concern of our own board around the restructuring by Te Pukenga at the local level with loss of key personal, including no local CE but Regional co-leads (not Taranaki based) and my own position being disestablished in April 2024.

Amidst this change and uncertainty, we kept going, a small but committed number of us meeting every few months and then some positives ... in July the Anglican board member position was filled and in October we appointed a new chaplain so we welcomed Lance and Chris, both a welcome addition with extensive experience in pastoral support and ministry.

So, throughout the year, while much of the focus in our board meetings revolved around recruitment efforts, we also prioritized opportunities to connect. In September board chairs met via Teams with a focus on changes in Te Pukenga, where Chaplaincy fits in their new structure and the importance of promoting chaplaincy to the newly appointed leads of business divisions.

In November our chaplain attended the ANZTCA conference and Clare represented us on the ITCC AGM where topics for discussion focused on

- Funding
- Recruitment of chaplains
- Models of delivery
- The need to lift the profile of chaplains
- And the Accreditation of chaplains

To conclude I would like to give recognition and thanks to ...

- To WITT and the local Christian communities who support us financially.
- To our treasurer Barbara Brockie for overseeing our accounts. We know we are in good hands with you at the helm.
- To Kathy for filling in as role of secretary in the absence of a chaplain.
- To our newly appointed chaplain, Chris. We are blessed to have a chaplain of your calibre in the role. In your short time with us you have quickly become an integral part of our institute community, getting involved at every opportunity, working towards a ministry that is modern, relevant and inclusive and in doing so making the role uniquely your own. I am confident the institute students and staff will be well served by your presence.
- And lastly to the members of this board, thank you for making time in your busy lives to be part of the board. Your commitment and presence not only ensures chaplaincy at WITT survives, but thrives.

Zanetta Hinton
TTCTB Chair